

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Third Hampden Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Third Hampden Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (516) of these admissions reside in the Third Hampden Representative District. 2% (11) of admissions from the Third Hampden Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Third Hampden Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 56% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 97% were white non-Latino, 1% were black non-Latino, and 2% were Latino.
- 74% were never married, 11% were married, and 15% reported not to be married now.
- 15% had less than high school education, 59% completed high school, and 26% had more than high school education.
- 30% were employed.
- 54% were homeless.
- 31% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Third Hampden Representative District.

<b>Table 2</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	43%	36%	3%	2%	3%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, including the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Third Hampden Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	350	317	105	67	68	40	25
<b>FY '96</b>	356	312	101	65	68	46	30
<b>FY '97</b>	348	319	118	83	79	53	24
<b>FY '98</b>	418	359	118	63	56	111	63
<b>FY '99</b>	406	344	113	77	61	106	71
<b>FY '00</b>	417	355	115	93	52	104	79
<b>FY '01</b>	421	349	119	80	49	143	107
<b>FY '02</b>	513	390	144	82	50	149	102
<b>FY '03</b>	516	357	156	112	65	228	130